



Surge in cyberfights  
sparking violence  
on the streets  
between rival  
gang members

## WAR ON THE WEB

By Lucy Purdy

**DISPUTES between rival youth gangs are increasingly being played out on the internet with members planning attacks, posting humiliating videos mocking their opponents and glorifying the gangster lifestyle in rap videos on sites such as Facebook and YouTube.**

Experts have warned that gangs operating in Haringey are turning to the web more than ever to threaten and intimidate their rivals in a barely concealed culture of posturing and tit-for-tat exchanges. Almost every gang has its own webpage and members co-ordinate campaigns of cyber bullying in which they force opponents who have strayed on to their turf to perform degrading acts and

then upload them for the world to see.

And the threats do not just exist in cyberspace but get played out in real terms on the streets in stabbings and shootings, leading to young men having to be "ghosted away" from their communities to safety.

The internet has opened a chilling new chapter in the story of London gangs and is becoming a way of life, according to gang worker Stephen Joseph, special project manager at the Makeda Weaver Project, a pan-London programme which helps free young people from the clutches of gangs. He deals with up to ten cases each year of people from Haringey who have become so dangerously immersed in gangs that they have been forced to move away, and told the Advertiser just how rapidly the online gang culture has escalated.

He said: "Nearly every gang in London has a website now, either on MySpace or Facebook, and a lot of gang conflicts are organised through the internet. It is used as a point of contact so that members do not have to meet face-to-face – it is massive.

"If there is a bit of beef going on between two people, for example, they will make a music video and threaten certain people in the lyrics. They'll say: 'if you're seen round here I'm going to shank you.'

"These are traded back and forth with some people just looking to boost their reputation, but more often than not the threats are followed through. One guy was caught in a shop by four guys from another area and they made him dance to music, saying they would smash him up if

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# Three men attacked during park walks

By Lucy Purdy

TWO men are fighting for their lives in hospital after there were three attacks in secluded spots near Muswell Hill in the past month.

Detectives are linking three similar assaults on men aged 63, 67 and 84, who were assaulted while walking alone in woods and parkland in the area – though they are still stumped as to the attacker's motive. Police patrols around Muswell Hill were stepped up at the weekend and specialist officers from the Met's Homicide And Serious Crime Command drafted in to help local officers investigate.

On January 5, a 67-year-old man was found by a member of the public, lying unconscious near the gates of Alexandra Park, in Alexandra Palace Way. He had serious head injuries and remains in a critical condition in hospital. It is not yet known how long the man had been lying on the floor before he was discovered.

At about 10am on January 28, a 63-year-old man was attacked in Queen's Wood, near Wood Vale, but escaped with minor injuries.

Police were then called by a member of the London Ambulance Service after a member of the public found an 84-year-old man with serious head injuries, again in Queen's Wood.

An incident room has opened under Detective Chief Inspector Tim Duffield of the Homicide And Serious Crime Command. He said: "One aspect of our investigation is focused on establishing how the two seriously hurt men sustained their injuries.

"We are eager to speak to anyone who has information about these incidents, particularly those who may have been in or near the parks on the days in question.

"Someone may have seen or heard something that could prove vital to the investigation. I would urge them to come forward with any information



Connection: Police are linking three attacks on walkers in secluded spots

they may have, however insignificant they feel it is. I would like to stress that attacks of this nature are extremely rare."

Acting Haringey borough commander Chris Barclay said: "Haringey officers and safer parks officers are carrying out high-visibility patrols and we have called on other Met units to assist with providing additional police resources to the area."

He urged residents to avoid walking alone whenever possible, stick to well-used paths and busy areas and to avoid taking short-cuts.

Ali Koc, 29, from Hornsey, was charged on February 4 with the attempted murder and GBH with intent of a 67-year-old man in Muswell Hill, attempted murder and GBH with intent of an 84-year-old man near Wood Vale, attempt to cause GBH with intent on a 37-year-old man in Wood Green and attempt to cause GBH with intent of a 63-year-old man near Wood Vale.

He will appear next at the Old Bailey on May 17.

Anyone with information should call the incident room on 020 8358 0400.

## Appeal to take part in census

PEOPLE in Haringey are being urged to stand up and be counted when questionnaires for the nationwide census fall on to their doormats next month.

Council chiefs have issued a rallying cry to residents to complete the form when it arrives in homes across England and Wales on March 27. The once-a-decade survey measures national population, providing information on the age, ethnicity, faith and life and work patterns. The information will help the government to decide how resources should be targeted over the next ten years – with each person listed on the census being worth an estimated £650 in government grants for key services.

Somali and Afro-Caribbean communities in Haringey are being particularly targeted as the return rate at the last census was particularly low for these groups.

Haringey Council leader Claire Kober said: "The census is hugely important to Haringey, having a direct impact on funding for services including education, housing, health and transport.

"We want to make sure everyone is counted so that we can be confident we are getting the right level of funding to help us deliver the services that local people rely on."

Suspicion about how census information is used can deter some from taking part.

Ms Kober added: "The census serves purely and simply to paint an accurate picture of the local and national population and establish where resources are most needed.

"Information is never – under any circumstances – passed on to the police, immigration, courts, the council or any other organisations.

"You can be sure that the information you provide will only ever be used to measure population and will pave the way for funding a huge range of important local services."

Two census community advisors will be working with Haringey's Somali and Afro-Caribbean communities in the coming weeks.

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# 'Young people play football against each other in the morning and try to kill each other in the evening'

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he refused. It was posted on YouTube and there were repercussions – there were a number of stabbings with those two groups after that.

"They wear their gang colours, make gang signs and you can tell who are supposed to be the main leaders. Sometimes they wear scarves and balaclavas over their faces, sometimes they don't bother."

Though at pains to emphasise it is only a tiny proportion of young people taking part in gang-related violence, Mr Joseph, 43, explained that children as young as 12 start using the internet in this way while at school and disagreements are often sparked by a throwaway insult online.

"We deal with a lot of conflicts in school which come straight from sites such as Facebook," he confirmed.

"It is mostly a case of 'he said she said' about who slept with who or whatever, and that becomes a group-related conflict. Certain girls affiliate with certain boys and certain people get victimised. The internet means things get around much quicker. This generation has known nothing else so it is now much more engrained."

Anthony Goodman, a professor of criminal and community justice studies at Middlesex University said the

internet was part of the "fixtures and fittings" of the everyday lives of young people but pointed out that the websites also provide valuable information for police.

Gang ringleader Rowan Lopez, 23, from Bounds Green, was banned from using the internet to glamorise gang culture under an Asbo first issued last year which also barred him from inciting violence and promoting gang activity in music videos and from wearing a green bandana in online videos. A court was shown music posts which had been uploaded to the internet by Lopez and his fellow gang members.

But Professor Goodman believes that the real solution lies in preventing young people from getting involved in the first place.

"It is far more effective to try to engage young people rather than issue these blanket banning orders which are impossible to police anyway," he told the Advertiser.

"It is trying to understand why literally there are young people playing football against each other in the morning and trying to kill each other in the evening.

"These kids have mental maps of where they can and can't go – invisible to an adult but very real – like hav-



Face-off: A Tottenham gang on YouTube and, below, Professor Goodman who is researching the modern face of rivalry

ing to get buses to go around an area because they can't actually walk through it. A lot of these young people don't necessarily know why they're fighting another group because grievances get lost in the mists of time. But young people now are more scared than they ever have been and gangs are about solidarity, social acceptance and feeling more secure.

"We are always going to be half a step behind gangs using the internet, but it is draconian to say that someone

cannot walk around wearing a bit of red or green cloth or a certain designer, and my fear is that we create a sudden moral panic. But at a time when youth services are being cut, we are storing up more trouble for the future.

"When groups are insecure, the danger is they turn in on themselves – that's when gang culture can expand."

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# Is this the most anti-social road in the country? These residents think otherwise



ANNE-MARIE SANDERSON

A MISSING cat poster nailed to a telephone pole flutters in the breeze and a cyclist slowly meanders past the row of well-kept terraced houses at 10am on Thursday morning.

Aside from an empty Grolsch can rattling around in the gutter, there is little to suggest that this quiet residential street in the heart of Tottenham may harbour a sinister secret. But according to the government's new crime-mapping website, Rowley Road is a simmering, crime-ridden hotbed of anti-social behaviour.

The site at [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) cost £300,000 to develop and features online maps for residents to look up recorded crime levels in their streets. It was launched with much fanfare last week but scores of complaints have already flooded in accusing its creators of wasting taxpayers' cash and demonising entire neighbourhoods.

Rowley Road has been branded the second-

worst street in the country for anti-social behaviour cases after 77 were apparently logged there in December last year – and St Ann's was dubbed the worst ward in London for the same types of crime.

Residents I chatted to last week were at best bemused and at worst angered by the revelation – and all branded the figures unfair or plain wrong.

Michelle Kucharikova, a 25-year-old student from Slovakia, moved to Rowley Road in September last year and described it as a "really quiet street. 'I mean everybody shouts from time to time but that's normal,' she said.

"My roommate said she heard glass breaking once and police but that's it. I live in a house with four other girls and we don't feel unsafe here. We don't know everybody's names because this is a

By Lucy Purdy



metropolitan city and that's how things are, but it's certainly not unfriendly."

At the other end of the street, Jonathan Law, 38, lives with his partner and 14-year-old son. He welcomed us into his house and

offered us a cup of tea before suggesting the news could be a "disaster" for those who own property in the road.

"The only explanation I can think of is if there is a bit of a do-gooder reporting things," he said. "There are sometimes lads hanging around but they don't seem to cause any trouble. We occasionally get a bit of fly-tipping but that's rare and it's usually around the corner. There are a few For Sale signs but they never last particularly long.

"Either this anti-social behaviour is very well hidden from everyone or it doesn't exist. Maybe there have been that many anti-social behaviour incidents in every Rowley Road in the country and they've all been counted on to ours. Or perhaps someone has a grudge against someone else on this road. That's the only thing I can think of. If this is the evidence the website is providing, it is clearly a waste of everybody's time and money."

Artur Maziarz only brought his house in the street in October and spoke to me from his upstairs window while he carried out renovation works. The 40-year-old said: "I never notice anything dodgy. I never knew there was a problem with the crime rates but, to be honest, it wouldn't have made a difference to my decision because I don't think this is a bad area."

Another student, bespectacled 27-year-old Turkish-born Ali Arda, opted to live in the road because it is quiet and near local shops and train stations. "I've never seen gangs or anything like that. I've lived here since I moved to the UK," he said with a shrug.

And longer-term residents also vouch for Rowley Road's sense of community. Smiling 67-year-old, Muriel Grant, has lived there for ten years. She said: "I go out to my club during the day, come back in the evening and lock my door in between and that's it. I lost



my husband two years ago and quite a few of my neighbours offered to help me, which was very nice."

It certainly appeared ordinary enough to me.

A chorus of playground sounds can be heard from nearby Chestnuts Primary School and ambulances occasionally pass en route to Tottenham Ambulance Station at the end of the road before things settle again into a peaceful stillness.

The houses are well-kept and hanging baskets surround several of the brightly coloured front doors which are peppered with polite signs requesting to receive no junk mail. The willingness with which people moved to defend their street to me seemed to sum up the sense of pride they have in their neighbourhood. It's certainly difficult to believe that this could be one of most terrifying places to live in the country.

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## Spurs-loving pupils beg club to ditch plans for playing away from home

PUPILS at a school which sits in the shadow of the Tottenham Hotspur stadium marched to White Hart Lane on Friday to urge the football club to stay in Haringey. More than 70 children from Northumberland Park School, in Trulock Road, demanded that chairman Daniel Levy keep the club in Tottenham, saying a move to the Olympic stadium would devastate their community.

The youngsters penned heartfelt letters to Mr Levy in which they told how their school and families would be affected if the club leaves the area. They also handed a petition to a Spurs representative at the club's offices in Bill Nicholson Way.

Year 10 pupil Kani Dinh said: "Tottenham isn't Tottenham without Spurs – Spurs belong in Tottenham, nowhere else."

Olayinka Taiwo asked: "Have they even thought about other local businesses?"

"Spurs give young people hope and faith in their local area and stops them focusing on the negatives of crime," said Jerome Dunkley, and Najia Rob added: "Spurs helps build up the community through their work in the area."

Year 7 students also wrote letters to the club. "A move will mean a big, ugly hole which will not be filled in an area with so



much potential," said Anil Dogan, while Ferasha Sabrina's emotional plea said: "A move away from Tottenham will leave the area and community poor and unable to recover. Please keep this in mind."

If Spurs do leave Tottenham, hundreds of jobs could be lost in the constituency with the highest unemployment rate in London. The club have submitted a bid for the Stratford stadium site despite getting the go-ahead to redevelop White Hart Lane.

# Salt time-bomb in comfort food

By Lucy Purdy

POPULAR dishes in African and Caribbean restaurants in Haringey contain more salt than 30 or 40 packets of crisps, a new study has found.

The staggering levels of salt have been found in food in restaurants and takeaway outlets, as experts warn such a high intake is causing an increased risk of high blood pressure, stroke and heart problems in black and African communities.

One Ghanaian dish called Banku, which is a maize and cassava ball served with groundnut soup, contained 15 grams of salt – as much as 38 packets of Walkers ready salted crisps.

Another dish of rice and beans served with meat stew and pepper sauce contained 12 grams – the equivalent of 30 packets of crisps – and a plantain and cassava flourball with palmtut soup, included 6.8 grams.

Adults in the UK are advised to eat no more than six grams of salt each day.

Restaurants in Haringey were among hundreds of Nigerian, Ghanaian and Caribbean eateries in London tested by researchers from the Heart Campaign group at University College London.

Dr Derin Balogun, who headed the team, said it was important to warn people that the foods they love may be harming their health.

She said: "This isn't about telling people never to eat these foods, but to think about how often they eat salt-rich meals and how to change their cooking habits to cut dangerous levels of salt.



At a pinch: The meal contained the same salt as 38 bags of crisps

"We visited shops and restaurants all over Haringey, taking three-to-five samples of each dish from each place. Some were shocking – it is a big problem. We found the problem was particularly acute in places such as Haringey which have big Afro-Caribbean communities. Second or third generation black and Afro-Caribbean British people are usually as British as they come, but they still eat the food grandma and auntie make. It is comfort food and we are not telling people to cut it out altogether, but just to cut down and cook it in a more healthy way."

Figures from NHS Haringey show an estimated 31.4 per cent of black people suffering with hypertension last year, compared to 26.7 per cent of white people and 23.9 per cent of Asian residents.



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# Killer gets life for park murder of soccer teen

A KILLER who stabbed a talented teenage footballer to death in a brutal attack has been jailed for life.

Moise Avorgah, 20, of St Ann's Road, Tottenham, was given a life sentence for the murder of Godwin Lawson and ordered to spend at least 19 years in prison after a five-week trial at the Old Bailey. He was also found guilty of two counts of grievous bodily harm for which he was sentenced to 12 years, to run concurrently.

Godwin, from Enfield, was a 17-year-old aspiring footballer who had moved to Oxford to play and train with the Oxford United Academy. During a return visit to London, Godwin was walking with two of his oldest friends in Hackney on March 27 last year when they were attacked in Amhurst Park. The exact motive has never been explained.

Godwin died at the scene from a stab wound to his chest.

Speaking after the sentence was handed down, Godwin's mother Yvonne paid tribute to her son. She said: "We miss Godwin terribly. He was naturally sporty, a talented football and rugby player, and he worked hard academically. He was a very loyal boy, and very loyal to his friends, so he kept going to London to see them."

"Losing Godwin feels like we have lost our future hopes and dreams. We

feel like we are embarking on a long painful journey that will never end. A branch of our family tree has been turned off and left a large wound – nothing can heal or replace that – and there will never be subsequent children to continue his family tree.

"Godwin was so well thought of by his peers, friends and family.

"While I am satisfied that someone has been brought to justice for Godwin's senseless murder, I take no comfort from it.

"It will never bring him back to us. It will, however, stop him taking the life of someone else's child."

Godwin was involved with various youth organisations and was a particularly prominent member of a group called Haringey's Young People Empowered which aims to inspire and encourage talented young people in the borough.

A second victim, then aged 18, and a third, then 20, were taken to Royal London Hospital suffering from life-threatening stab injuries but both were discharged within a week.

Detective Inspector Andy Manning, of the Homicide And Serious Crime Command, who

led the investigation, said: "I am pleased with the verdicts and pleased Godwin's family has got justice for him.

"This conviction sends out a clear message – that the Metropolitan Police Service, and the community, will not tolerate such acts of violence or the use of knives on the streets of London."

Koffi Osimeh, 20, from Finsbury Park, Daniel Riley, 22, from Holloway, and Matthew Lanahun, 21, of Finsbury Park, were each found not guilty of murder, two counts of attempted murder and wounding with intent.



**Murderer and victim:**  
Moise Avorgah and  
Godwin Lawson, above



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HARINGEY COUNCIL is being urged to crack down on drivers who ignore parking restrictions outside a mosque in Tottenham.

Victoria Chau, who has lived in Clyde Road for 18 years, complained to the council claiming that parking attendants were turning a blind eye to people attending a nearby mosque for prayers on Fridays. She pays for an annual residents' permit for the Seven Sisters Controlled Parking Zone but said special dispensation given to Muslim motorists had rendered the system "unenforceable".

"I've become frustrated at the number of cars parking on our road without complying with the regulations of the CPZ," she told the Advertiser.

"I rang the council and was told the situation was being

monitored and that it was aware of the issue.

"I'm paying money to park there and also for visitor permits for anyone who wants to pop round for a cup of tea. I'd suggest that muddying the waters of when and to whom the restrictions apply would render all parking tickets illegal.

"Does this mean every place of worship should be given the same dispensation?"

A council spokesman said the rules had been relaxed during the Islamic festival of Eid but insisted they were enforced at all other times. He said: "This road is patrolled regularly, especially on Fridays. We received a request from the mosque, asking us to relax enforcement for a couple of hours each Friday, but explained that this cannot be accommodated."



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## film

**Never Let Me Go (15)**

★★★★☆

**Dir:** Mark Romanek  
**Starring:** Carey Mulligan,  
Andrew Garfield, Keira Knightley

CHOSEN by Time Magazine as one of the 100 greatest modern novels ever written, the film version of Kazuo Ishiguro's *Never Let Me Go* was always going to struggle to flee the shadow of its illustrious predecessor.

That it put up a decent fight, only waving a white flag near the end, is testimony to the strength of its creative team – though it pales in comparison to that one, brilliant Ishiguro adaptation, *The Remains of the Day*. Like the book, we only gradually discover the awful truth about the infants of Hailsham boarding school, in what must be one of the most subtle sci-fi films ever made.

Kathy, Tommy and Ruth are perfectly healthy, seemingly normal kids attending the seemingly idyllic school in the 1970s. An announcement at the start tells us a medical breakthrough was made in 1952 but there were few clues what this could be and the only sinister part of their school life is watching George Formby films (I too did this as a child and am still scarred by the grinning, gormless uke player).

But, drip by drip, we realise something is rotten in their state as we move forward to their life in "The Cottages" in 1985 and, finally, the dark "Completion" ten years on.

What impressed me particularly was the slightly off-centre world created by screenwriter Alex Garland

# Watery world washes away novel's magic



**Impressive:** Carey Mulligan, Keira Knightley and Andrew Garfield

and director Mark Romanek which is always recognisable and familiar but discreetly oblique as if we were looking at it through the wrong contact lenses. The colours are muted, there is little to grasp of substance, while the performances of Carey Mulligan, Keira Knightley and, in particular, Andrew Garfield, are sat- isfyingly other-worldly.

And yet... the storytelling is too cool and studied to engage us fully and I left the screening feeling hollow. Ishiguro's telling points about love and loss seemed to have vanished in an emotional vacuum of elliptical looks and bleached out landscapes while the dramatic momentum slows to a crawl.

**by Jonathan Lovett**

## Now showing

**The Fighter (15)**

★★★★☆

Real-life Rocky follows formula. In Massachusetts, boxer Micky Ward's (Mark Wahlberg) comeback attempt sparks fraught family sparring to rival aggression in the ring. Nothing new, perhaps, but entertaining, attention-grabbing Christian Bale rules as a gaunt, wild-eyed crack-addict failure.

**Black Swan (15)**

★★★★☆

Bloody, barmy and rather brilliant. A mad mash of *The Red Shoes*, *Performance* and *Fight Club* – take a deep breath and be submerged by an intoxicating world of doppelgangers and divas as Natalie Portman proves she is far from just a pretty face.

**Barney's Version (15)**

★☆☆☆☆

It's a great time to go to the flicks – as long as you avoid this drivel. Bullfrog Barney Panofsky (Paul Giamatti) marries a string of beautiful women in this pathetic, middle-aged male fantasy – like a Woody Allen movie sans laughs.

**Blue Valentine (15)**

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## what's on

### Out and about

● **ONE** of the UK's top song-writers plays the Kalamazoo Klub in Crouch End this Friday. Steve Tilston comes to the famous acoustic club to perform from his many albums, covered in the past by the likes of Fairport Convention, Dolores Keane and John Wright. It starts at 8.30pm, tickets £12. For more details call the venue on 020 8340 1028.

● **TWO** more West End performers give up their Sunday afternoons for Cabaret In The House this weekend. International cabaret artist Valerie Cutko is supported by Peter Navickas who recently performed for Prince William and Kate Middleton at a charity gala. The event takes place at Lauderdale House in Highgate Hill from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Tickets £13 (£11 concs). Call 020 8348 8716.

● **TAKE** a trip back to Harlem in the 1920s this Saturday. The Millfield Arts Centre hosts Harlem Hot Feet which aims to capture the spirit of the famous Harlem joint The Cotton Club through a mixture of dance from the Jiving Lindy Hoppers and vocals from Tony Jacobs. It starts at 8pm, tickets £18 (£16 concessions). For more details and ticket reservations, call the Edmonton venue on 020 8807 6680.

ADAM HOLT



## Belle of the ball

### Plenty of French fancy at Intimate Theatre's show

JANET PRAVERMAN would be first to admit her voice lacks a certain je ne sais quoi!

The veteran Protos performer has appeared in numerous pantomimes and summer shows but directors have always, tactfully, avoided giving Janet any solo work... until now.

"Let's just say my singing voice isn't what it used to be," she said, laughing. "But my character, Edith Pee-off, is the owner of a café and desperately wants to sing. Yet every time she opens her mouth they all yell at her to shut up! It gets so bad that Edith is about to close up one day but promises to give punters one last song and everyone runs away! Her sister says, 'Well. That's one way to clear the café!'"

The French café and characters will be over-running the Intimate Theatre in Palmers Green because the

Hornsey-based performing arts group has chosen to perform Beauty And The Beast as this year's pantomime. A new adaptation by Protos' chairman Justin Mason, the show will still feature all of the famous characters along with some new additions.

"There's the café lot, like something out of 'Allo 'Allo!" said Janet. "And then there's Fifi and Fofo, the nasty sisters of the heroine, Belle. Of course, there's also lots of modern songs chucked in and we start with a rousing version of the Black Eyed Peas' I Gotta Feeling in which I do lots of hand jives!"

● Beauty And The Beast is performed at the Intimate Theatre in Green Lanes, Palmers Green on February 24 at 2pm and February 25 and 26 at 2pm and 7.30pm. Tickets £8 (adults) and £6 (children). Call 07583 740 866.

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## competition



# Win tickets to and watch the baby lambs frolic about

IN THESE chilly winter months, it can be difficult to put a spring in your step – but Mother Nature is stirring down at Willows Farm Village.

The shepherd at the family venue near St Albans is gearing up for the arrival of the newborn lambs.

February half term is the ideal time to flock to Willows to see the daily births – so we have teamed up with everyone down at our favourite farm to offer two family day passes to enjoy all the action.

At the February Frolics event from February 19 – 27, visitors can watch and learn while Tuck the shepherd explains all about the lambing season. And spare a thought for those expectant ewes ready to pop! Farmer Andrew Wolfe said: "We're expecting about 60 per cent of our ewes to have twin lambs and a further 20 per cent will have triplets, so there'll be plenty of newborns to see."

"Lambing season is hectic with very little sleep as we're on call 24 hours a day to check on the ewes and to help with the births."

New for February Frolics this year are

live shows including real experiments performed by Mad Science that have been inspired by farming. They will make mist appear just like in the fields very early at this time of year as well as show how to get a hard-boiled egg though a hole that is smaller than the egg without cracking it!

Andrew added: "February Frolics is designed to be both fun and educational, plus with loads of adventure play it's a great way for the kids to get active too. It will be the last chance for visitors to enjoy our synthetic magical ice rink which closes on February 27 to make way for our springtime activities."

A lambing event wouldn't be complete without Bo Peep, and children can explore the farm and take part in Bo Peep's fun search for her lost sheep and complete the quiz to win a prize.

February Frolics has something for the whole family whatever the weather. Fun



fair rides, Tristan The Runaway Tractor and acres of adventure play are all outdoors, with Woolly Jumpers and Captain Chicken's Egg Dodge providing undercover activities.

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The result being not many houses coming to market, equalled in the lack of purchasers able to proceed resulting in a low level of transactions, but property prices remaining pretty much stable throughout 2011.

On the lettings side again we envisage a lack of property available to rent. Increasing numbers of prospective tenants, be them first time renters leaving home, sharing or forming households via relationships, coupled with the advent of the Government's London Housing Allowance reforms, will see tenants at present living in the inner London Boroughs, driven towards the outskirts of the city as is the case in Paris and some other European capitals. These reforms will carry on increasing the demand in North London and Herts and Essex for Property to rent holding up or increasing further rental prices in 2011.

So in conclusion, whether your looking to buy your first home, move up or sideways on the property ladder, or if your thinking of buying a property to rent, subject to acquiring finance, this is probably just as good a time as ever to make that buying move or rent out your existing property whatever your choice, but to coin a phrase, do your home work on your finance and mortgage opportunities first, to avoid being disappointed.

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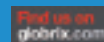


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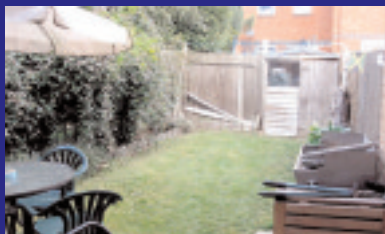
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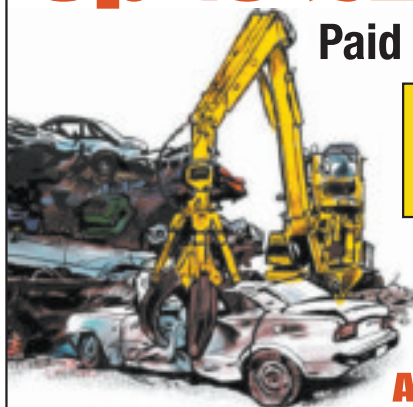
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# SPURS SAVED BY NIKO'S STUNNER

By Dominique Stafford

NIKO KRANJCAR has been hailed by Tottenham Hotspur manager Harry Redknapp after the out-of-favour midfielder came off the bench to score a stunning last-gasp winner at home to Bolton Wanderers on Saturday.

Kranjcar has found his first-team opportunities very limited this season and had been tipped to leave the club during the January transfer window, but he decided to turn down an £8million move to Werder Bremen to stay and fight for his place at White Hart Lane.

And the Croatian international gave Redknapp the perfect reminder of his abilities in the second minute of stoppage time on Saturday, collecting possession some 30 yards out and stepping inside Zat Knight's challenge before unleashing an unstoppable shot which flew into the net to seal a 2-1 win in a controversial Premier League clash.

"He didn't want to move and I didn't want to push him out," Redknapp said. "Last year he was one of the players of the season.

"He trains every day as if his life depends on it, has a great attitude and does not spit his dummy out when he is not in the side. You need people like that.

"He shows a great attitude and deserves all the credit in the world.

"He wasn't on the pitch for long but showed fantastic ability to score the winning goal, and he deserved that.

"It's hard for him. We've got Gareth Bale and Aaron Lennon and Luka Modric, and it's difficult to guarantee him a regular place."

Rafael van der Vaart had given Spurs an early lead from the spot and he netted another penalty a minute later, only for referee Mark Clattenburg to force him to retake it for encroachment – and the Dutchman promptly blasted his second attempt wide.

Daniel Sturridge then capitalised on an error from keeper Heurelho Gomes to level the scores, and Bolton should have been awarded a penalty when Gary Cahill was clearly felled by Steven Pienaar – only to be booked for diving – prior to Kranjcar's dramatic late intervention.

**Tottenham's saviour:  
Niko Kranjcar scored  
a last-gasp winner  
against Bolton**



## Skolars launch their campaign with heavy loss

THE London Skolars suffered a heavy defeat in their first match of the new rugby league season on Sunday as they were beaten 62-18 at home by Widnes Vikings in the Northern Rail Cup.

The Skolars gave a good account of themselves in the opening stages against full-time professional opponents who play a division above them and led twice early on, but Widnes' extra quality eventually shone through as they overpowered the battling hosts.

Matt Thomas put the hosts ahead on seven minutes, and although Widnes responded with a converted try through Paddy Flynn, Luke May's score restored the Skolars' lead.

But this proved to be as good as it got for the Skolars, as Widnes' superior pace and power began to tell.

David Allen, Danny Craven (twice), Ben Kavanagh and Matt Gardner all crossed the line prior to the interval, with some accurate goalkicking from Craven helping the visitors to move 34-8 ahead.

Widnes continued to pile on the points in the second half, with Anthony Thackeray and Thomas Coyle scoring tries before Neil Thorman touched down for the Skolars.

Kurt Haggerty, Tangi Ropati and Flynn scored further tries for the visitors, but it was the hosts who had the final say when Ade Adebisi crossed the line in the corner late on.

The London Skolars continue their Northern Rail Cup campaign at Doncaster on Sunday.



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